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WHOLE NO. 275.

TO WED OR NOT TO WED.
The mariage question rived from the previous viewpoint, has become the topic of so many ink-splashes abroad as well as at home, that the following, purporting to be "A Master Bachelor's Soliloquy" in Hamlet's style, may be regarded as a satire.

To wed, or not to wed—that is the question—Whether 'tis wiser in a man to banish
The tempting vices of domestic comfort,
Or to lead some course of our times to the altar,
And make marriage and the world worse off?
No man, and they say to say we said
No heart-sore, and the thousand well planned tricks.

Of course no master—'tis a compensation
To be a husband, to be which—to catch
The tradesmen, and to feed half servants!—
To wed, perchance a spendthrift—ay, there's
The heart-sore, and the thousand well planned tricks.

For what sort of wife we may be married
With such a husband—no man can tell,
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Scientific Daring.

One dull day in August, just after noon, a balloon rose in the air at the foot of Cleet Hills, on the western edge of the central plain of England. It was inflated with the lightest of gases which chemical skill could produce, and it rose with amazing velocity. A mile up, and it entered a stratum of clouds more than a thousand feet thick. Emerging from this, the sun shone brightly on the airship, the sky over-head was of the clearest and deepest blue, and below lay an immeasurable expanse of cloud, whose surface looked as solid as that of the earth, now wholly lost to view. Loftily mountains and deep, dark ravines appeared below; the peaks and sides of those cloud mountains next the sun glittered like snow, but casting shadows as black as if they were solid rock. Up rose the balloon with tremendous velocity.—Four miles above earth a pigeon was let loose; it dropped through the air as if it had been stone. The air was too thin to enable it to fly. It was as if the ship had fallen to the deck were to pass from the heavy waters of the sea into an inland unsaline lake; the bark would sink into once into the thinner water. Up, up, still higher! What a scene profound! The heights of the sky were as still as the deepest depths of the ocean, where, as was found during the search for the lost Atlantic cable, the fine mud lies as unstrifed from year to year as the dust which imperceptibly gathers on the furniture of a deserted house. No sound, nor life—only the bright sunshine falling through a sky which it could not warm.

Up—five miles above earth! Higher than the inaccessible summit of Chimborazo or Dangnir. Despite the sunshine everything freezes. The air grows too thin to support life, even for a few minutes. Two men only are in that adventurous balloon—the one steering the airship, the other watching the scientific instruments, and recording them with a rapidity bred of long practice. Suddenly, as the latter looks at his instruments, his sight grows dim; he takes a lens to help his sight, and only marks from the height of the balloon that the falling barometer that they are rising rapidly. A flask of brandy lies within a fust of him; he tries to reach it, but his arms refuse to obey his will. He tries to call to his comrade, who has gone to the ring above; a whisper from the silent airship—“I am here.” The steersman comes down into them; he finds his comrade in a swoon, and his own senses failing him.

He saw at once that life and death hung upon a few moments. He seized, tried to seize the valve, in order to open it and let out some of the gas. His hands are purple with intense cold; they are paralyzed, and will not respond to his will. He seized the valve with his teeth; it opened a little—once, twice, thrice. The balloon began to descend. Then the swooned man returned to consciousness, and saw the steersman standing before him. He looked at his instrument—they must have been nearly eight miles up; but now the barometer was rising rapidly—the balloon was descending. Brandy was used. They had been higher above earth than mortal man or any living thing had ever been before. One minute more of inaction—of compulsory inaction—on the part of the steersman, whose senses were failing him, and the air ship, with its intensely rarefied gas, would have been floating unattended, with corpses, in the wide realms of space. Once a *We k.*

Growth of a Good Cause.

The question, Shall the country have a Protective or a Revenue Tariff? is not one that divides the great political parties of the day. We see Republicans who are Protectionists, and other Republicans who are radical Free Traders.

The line dividing the party runs nearly through the center; and though there is among the Democrats more unanimity in favor of low revenue duties than among their opponents, those of the organization who are in favor of Protection, are neither few in numbers, nor unimportant in character. The question is, then, an open one, to be discussed in all journals, as those who edit and control them may choose.

The steersman, who differs in this matter, promises to challenge the good faith of one who differs with him in this matter, carves a refuge for arrogance and intolerance, which should be promptly administered.

This condition of parties pre-eminently favors the progress of enlightened public opinion about the legislation which the creation of manufacturing classes, operating upon the supposed necessities of the national exchequer, has forced upon the country. In the West, upon which the present killing tariff bears with fatal effect, this progress of correct ideas is rapid; and as the discussion goes on, and the facts of Political Economy, backed up and enforced by daily experience, are brought to the comprehension of the people, the old prejudices of a dead-fumet faith are crumbling into dust. The advance is gratifying; and every man who knows the condition of the country and the causes which have produced it, will say that it has not begun a moment too soon. As the West was the center of that power which saved the Union, and swept that oldest form of Protection—complete human slavery—out of existence as a national institution, so we

hope that here will be rallied that other but more peaceful army which shall accomplish a hardly less needed reform—the emancipation of all the labor, black and white, in the length and breadth of the land!

We take this occasion to extend an invitation to all sound-thinking men, who have outgrown the effects of former participation, who are not willing that the West should be a tributary of a few iron-men, cotton-lords, and salt-brokers in the East, and who believe in the necessary freedom of labor and commerce as firmly as in the freedom of the individual, to join the swelling throng. Their assistance will hasten the day in which good sense and sound legislation, instead of the vicious theories and flagrant robberies which are now oppressing the West, shall rule the country. In any event the victory is certain. The age is too enlightened for the continuance of the policy now enforced; but the greater the unanimity, the sooner the triumph will come.—Chicago Post.

Playing upon a Legislator's Virtue.

About the smartest case of political sharp practice that has ever come under our notice is found in the manipulation of the Hon. E. M. K. Glenn, of Wayne county, by the lobbyists in the interest of Mr. Penton, at Albany, a few weeks since. Mr. Glenn is a very honest and impulsive man, but credulous and capable of being deceived. The caucus took place at half-past 7 in the evening, and at half-past five Mr. Glenn waited upon Mr. Morgan in person to assure him that whatever else might happen, the vote of the Senate would be his and his only. But no sooner had he left the presence of the Senator than he was taken in hand by three shrewd friends of Gov. Fenton, with whom, becoming serious, said to him: “Mr. Glenn, do you know that these scoundrels about here have been selling your vote to Morgan?” “No!” said Glenn, opening all his eyes; “you don't tell me?” “Yes, indeed,” was the answer, “and Morgan's hounds have paid them five thousand dollars on condition that your ballot should be cast for their candidate.”

“Well, well,” responded the unsuspecting and excited legislator, “if they have sold me, they shall find that I am hard to deliver. I'll take care that this trick is never tried on me again, I can tell you.” The result was that, in his indignation, Mr. Glenn went into the caucus and ostentatiously cast an open ballot for Mr. Fenton, whose friends thus accomplished by metaphysical means what could not have been accomplished by any other.

An Old Letter.

The following is copied from an engraved fac-simile letter of Martha Washington, among the historical curiosities of the Capital. It was written to an intimate friend during her husband's Presidency, and when she was the seat of Government. Most of the peculiarities are due to old-fashioned spelling and customs:

New York October the 22d, 1789.
My dear Fanny

I have by Mrs. Sims sent you a wretched account of the fashions than I have so mentioned to you, that was expected, I hope it is one of cargo that I have so mentioned as such a one as will please you—it is of the newest fashion, if that has any influence on your taste the chain is of marten's choicest and such as mrs. Adams' and fastened upon the young lady, when the acquaintance is finally dissolved, the unenviable and unmerited appellation of “flirt.” Let all your dealings with women, young men, be frank, honest and noble. That many whose education and position in life would warrant our looking for better things, are culpably criminal on these points, is no excuse for your short comings. That woman is often injured or wronged through her boldest feeling, adds but a darker dye to your meanness. One rule is always safe: Treat every woman you meet as you would wish another man to treat your innocent confiding sister.

Ten-Mile Foot Race.

On the 14th of Jan., at Beaverton, Canada, a ten-mile foot-race came off between John Simcoe, the celebrated Indian runner, and Ningishin, another aborigine, for \$250 a side. All preliminaries being arranged, at 1:30 the word was given, and the men broke away. Simcoe having the lead, his opponent closed at his heels, and both going at a rattling rate. The first mile was accomplished in five minutes and four seconds, and was won by Ningishin. Simcoe had slipped when about half-way through.

On the second mile Ningishin had the lead, and commenced to settle down to his speed. On entering the turn, Simcoe dashed ahead and passed his opponent close at his heels, and both going at a rattling rate. The latter, opening the door and pulling him toward it, thus addressed him:—“Friend, you came not here to be pained; I gave thee a meat offering, and thou did not assuage thy rage, I gave thee a drink offering, still thouwert beside thyself; I gave thee a burnt offering, neither did that suffice; now will I try thee with a heave offering.” And with that he tossed him out of doors. That sufficed him.

Going barefoot will soon be in fashion. The latest style tending that way is flesh-colored gauntlets, so stitched as to give the appearance of naked pedal extremities.

Love and Pimples.

A correspondent gives an account of his homeward trip to California via the Isthmus, in which he relates an incident as follows: This page of my note-book is about exhausted. One memorandum remains. It reads, “Love and Pimples,” which, I take it, is rather a mysterious conjunction of ideas, standing alone. The little scroll was penciled one day as we neared Panama. Several cases of love sickness made their appearance early in the voyage. One of these raged with consuming violence. A young man of twenty-one, with sandy hair and hazel eyes, was inexpressibly sweet on a very plump girl of eighteen, whose eyes were blue, and hair a pronounced auburn. He always sat next her on deck, as close as he might sit, and his uncontrollable arm wound like a captive cobra round her passive waist. The two hundred passengers looked at them, then at each other, and smiled. The lovers were perfectly indifferent to observation. The second week at sea, the maiden put forth a pimple—a big pimple northward by north of her starboard eye tooth. He watched the pimple but with the tenderest concern; he fondly noted its blooming, he chafed it fondly with the tip of his lingering forefinger, and when the moment arrived, he tickled the dead ripe blossom

THE FREE HOMESTEAD.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3, 1860.

TO ADVERTISERS.

This paper has a larger circulation than any other paper in Faribault County, and is the only paper in the county, which is printed entirely at home.

The North and South Road.

We have learned that there was a railroad meeting at Blue Earth City, on Saturday evening last, to raise money to pay for the survey of a route from Mankato to that point, and that the amount necessary was raised, in connection with a sum already raised at Mankato. A letter from Mr. Wakefield was read, assuring them that a portion of the 500,000 acres of Internal Improvement Lands held by the State, would be voted to a read from Mankato to the State line.

Of course we say the more the better. If we cannot assure a road quick from the east, let us have it from north or south.

We understand that the towns along the line are expected to vote aid for this enterprise.

Minnesota Legislature.

Last Wednesday Senator Freeman introduced a bill for an act to appropriate \$30,000 for the erection and completion of a building for the Second State Normal School at Mankato. On Thursday, Mr. Hunter gave notice of a bill for an act to authorize the Commissioners of Jackson County to issue bonds to bridge the Des Moines river, at Jackson.

The wolf scalp bounty will be amended in the House so as to fix the bounty at \$3, instead of \$10.

A very valuable tin mine is now being opened in California. According to the Alta, the ore is the richest in any mine in the world. Of course the owners of the property, having this advantage over their English and Sumatra competitors, will hasten to Congress for higher duties on tin, to the end that every tin same pan, dipper, horn, cup, match-box or other article of work used in the country will be increased in price by "protecting American Industry." Why not?—Chicago Post.

We congratulate the citizens of Blue Earth City, that they are to have a new paper published at their village in a few weeks. W. W. Williams, formerly of the Preston Republican, now Engrossing Clerk of the House, has in view the purchasing of the South West Establishment. Failing in this, he will put in a new office immediately. We have this from Mr. Williams himself, whom we left at Mankato last Saturday.—Chatfield Democrat.

Williams, you will have to hurry up or Palmer will have the room engaged.

Weston has again commenced his long talk of walk from Bangor, Me., to St. Paul, Minn., and thence to New York City. He left Bangor on the 19th ult., at 4 o'clock p.m. He has invited his newspaper friends to dine with him at the Metropolitan Hotel, in New York, on the 29th of April next, and says he is too much of a gentleman to disappoint them.

Mrs. Lincoln, widow of the late President, who is now residing in Frankfurt, Germany, has lately petitioned the American Congress to grant her a yearly pension; but Congress has very wisely rejected the petition, as she now has enough to keep her in a good state of preservation. Her "old clothes" are not all gone.

FRUIT GROWERS OF MINNESOTA, it is the wish of the Minnesota Horticultural Society to incorporate in the published minutes of their late annual meeting, a brief history and description of our new and most valuable seedling crab and standard apples. Any person having such seedlings will confer a favor on the public by sending the desired information to the Secretary of the Society, by or before the 20th day of February, 1860. Address A. W. Latham, Secretary, Minneapolis, Minn.

The editors of Terre Haute and Lafayette, Indiana, indulge themselves in occasional pleasures like the following: build a rink is this: The ladies of that city have such big feet that no more than four or five could skate in a rink at one time; therefore the concern would not pay.—Terre Haute Journal.

It is a number eleven lie. The Lafayette ladies are celebrated for their pretty feet. All's well you know, that ends well, and the Terre Haute editor, afflicted with the daily exhibition of agricultural hoofs, is dying of enmity. Goodwin, of our city, once made a pair of twenty-eight for a Terre Haute belle. He built them in a back yard on a sort of marine railway, and launched them. If ever an old woman lived in a shoe, it was down at Terre Haute.—Lafayette Courier.

The International hotel at St. Paul is to be enlarged by an addition of 90 feet on Seventh St., and to extend the whole hotel to Eighth St., the entire structure to be five stories high.

Governor Marshall issued a requisition on the 25th ult. for the arrest of D. M. Pitts, late Railroad and Express Agent at Rushford, who is a defaulter in a large amount.—Winona Republican.

Brigham Young's son Joe, smokes good cigars, drinks good liquor, gets drunk, plays poker, whips his wives, and preaches the Gospel.

One thousand prostitutes are at the Saint Lazare prison, near Paris. A novel plan for making useful and good members of society of them has lately been tried with considerable success. It is as follows: A benevolent society of French ladies, with considerable means at its disposal, ascertains the dates at which unmarried male prisoners at Mazas will be discharged; they ask them if they would be willing to marry one of the St. Lazare prisoners, whose term expires at the same time, if a dower of three hundred francs were given to the latter. This sum is amply sufficient for a young couple to commence housekeeping in France, and many prisoners are only too glad to avail themselves of the offer. If the wives relapse into their former mode of life, they are at once placed under the surveillance of the police, and may be imprisoned at any moment. The plan is said to work remarkably well. No complaints whatever have been made about the conduct of the thirty-five couples whose unions were brought about in this manner.

HEARTH AND HOME for the 16th inst. will have folded in it, an engraving of the Village Pet, printed on tinted paper. It is a recent German picture not before copied here, and therefore new. The imported engraving costs at retail \$6.

The same number will contain a large valentine picture by Nast. Ten cents. Go to Pettengill, Bates & Co., 27 Park Row, New York, with secure to you the paper.

Brigham Young has telegraph wires leading to his office, and connecting with every hamlet in Utah. The line is 560 miles long in all. Every settlement of half a dozen houses has a telegraph office with female saint operators, in charge of a bishop of the Mormon Church who regards all that takes place to Young. From his private office in Salt Lake City, like the watchman in the first telegraph, the Mormon chief may give an order regarding an alarm from Idaho to New Mexico.

Mexico is trying a prohibitory law. Ten dials grew out of the late masked ball at Paris.

The salt mines of Austria are worked by a million miners.

Caleutta has exported \$25,000,000 worth of opium in a year.

The Great Western Railway of England cost nearly \$250,000 a mile.

The Greek band has reached California, but there it is called the Pacific slope.

It is estimated that not one eighth of the people of the United States attend public worship on Sunday.

John H. Surratt, having escaped the fate of his companions in crime, proposes to write a book to prove himself a martyr.

A plucky Green county girl, getting jilted, instead of taking arsenic, took a stout stick and kicked the fellow handsomely.

A Berkshire girl walked fourteen miles through the snow the other day to marry a young man who was "forbidden the house."

"Shingle weddings" have been started in some of the Eastern States, to be given by newly married couples if they have lived together happily for a year.

EDGAR STROUSE, No. 57 Exchange Place, New York City.

EMPLOYMENT.

Forwards and express agents wanted in houses which had yielded me at the rate of Three Thousand dollars per annum, and being desirous of visiting Europe for the purpose of carrying on my business, I am anxious to find a man who will send me One Dollar.

John A. Lathimer, Attorney for Mortgagors.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3, 1869.

GEO. P. ROWELL & CO.
ADVERTISING AGENTS,
No. 40 PARK ROW, NEW YORK.

Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. are the Agents for the Free Homestead, and the most influential and largest circulating Newspaper in the United States and Canada. They are authorized to contract for us at our lowest prices.

Diving Services.

Baptist.—Services in the Baptist church every alternate Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7 p.m. Rev. E. A. STONE, Pastor.

Methodist.—Services every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. Rev. A. C. HAND, Pastor.

Union.—Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evenings, in the Baptist School every Sunday morning, immediately after preaching.

Minnesota Valley Railroad.

ACCOMMODATION AND FREIGHT.

Leave Mankato 2:00 a.m., Arrive St. Paul 4:50 p.m.

" St. Paul 8:30 a.m., Mankato 4:30 p.m.

EXPRESS.

Leave Mankato 4:45 a.m., Arrive St. Paul 9:25 a.m.

" St. Paul 2:30 p.m., Mankato 8:30 p.m.

\$1200 And All Expenses Paid!

See Advertisement of AMERICAN SHUTTLE SPINNING MACHINES in our advertising column, p. 19.

The post office in Prescott, Faribault county, was discontinued on the first of last month. The mail matter for that town will now be distributed from Blue Earth City and Mankato.

Dr. A. C. May of Mankato, who was advertised to be here and at Blue Earth City during the present month, has informed us by letter, that circumstances will prevent his fulfilling his appointments at present.

One devil in a country printing office is usually considered to be a sufficient quantity; but while distributing snow this morning for two hours, with a borrowed snowshovel, it occurred to us that seven devils might hasten the good work.

A Miner, Esq., of Jackson, left town this morning for his home. In his sleigh was a new seed drill, painted to perfection, and purchased in Winnebago; which reminded us that a new firm has just been organized here for the sole purpose of selling agricultural implements.

GRIEBEL & BRO., agents for Leavitt's **SEWING MACHINES**.

Machines always in hand, and a room neatly fitted up where ladies can examine and work these Machines before buying.

Also, manufacturers of and dealers in

BOOTS and SHOES, opposite Post Office, Mankato, Minnesota.

No. 8 cook-stoves furnished complete for \$28.00 at the Hardware store in Winnebago City.

Prof. R. J. Stoeck successfully treats all diseases of the Hair and Scalp, loss of hair, early graying, Baldness, etc., etc.

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Consultation free. 2w

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The Prospects of the Blue Earth City *Vidette* is received. W. D. Palmer, late associate editor of the Martin County *Atlas*, is now in Chicago for the purpose of purchasing an office, and expects to issue the first number in a few weeks. The prospects announces that Blue Earth City and Faribault county in general, has very long felt the need of a live local paper, and that to meet that want he has been induced to commence the publication of the *Vidette*.

Mr. Palmer has our best wishes for the success of his new enterprise, and we trust the *Vidette* will have that generous support which is essential to a live paper.

George Van Slyke, late Private of Company L, 5th Iowa Cavalry, will deliver an address in the Baptist Church, in Winnebago City, on Thursday evening, Feb. 14th, 1869, on the heartless, brutal and inhuman treatment received by our Prisoners at Andersonville.

Having suffered more than a dozen deaths in that hole of fiendish infamy, Mr. Van Slyke speaks from personal knowledge of the tyranny, inhumanity, and the indescribable filth which all Union Prisoners there endured.

Gov. Wm. R. Marshall, Gen. Willis A. Gorman, and other well known citizens of Minnesota patronize him.

A. C. Hawley, late Com. Officer, Co. L, 5th Iowa Cavalry, who is now a resident of Owatonna, Minn., certifies that Mr. Van Slyke was wounded and left on the field for dead at Jonesborough; that he was a good soldier, and is now trying in an honorable way to earn a living.

Let the Church be crowded to listen to the story of this victim of the despots who would have enslaved us all.

Doors open at 6 1/2 o'clock. Lecture to commence at 7 1/2. Admission 25 cents. Tickets for sale at the Post Office.

The new Livery in Winnebago City, under the proprietorship of the Kincaid Brothers, now supports seven horses, and they are at all hours of the day or night at the disposal of any one who is willing to pay a very moderate price for a sleigh-ride. Yesterday and to-day the elder Kincaid, mounted on a hastily constructed snow-plow drawn by his gayest team, not only drove through the principal thoroughfares of this snow-beleaguered city, but in the goodness of his heart cleared the road between our dwelling house and office. His thoughtful kindness to poor pedestrians, in thus going before to prepare the way, has earned for him in this city, the title of "the man for me."

We were lately shown through the establishment of Charles Heine in Mankato. "Charles," as is well known, is the great cracker man of the Southwest, and is popular, because he makes a really good article. On an average he turns out 150 barrels of crackers a month; yet the trade is increasing so rapidly, that he is scarcely able to supply the demand, and must soon put in additional machinery. Heine bought the first cracker machine ever introduced into the Minnesota Valley, and from a small beginning, now monopolizes the trade in this part of the State.

Heine's crackers are for sale at several places here, and they are far superior to any others in this market.

In the Mankato, and many other papers of the State we see the reports of the proceedings of the County Commissioners regularly published. Who knows what is done, or what bills allowed by the Board of Faribault county? Do the people wish to know what the Commissioners do at their regular meetings? Then let them ask that the proceedings regularly published in every paper in the county. The cost is a mere trifle. But if the residents of this county have no care to know what is going on at head-quarters, no blame whatever can attach to the Board for not publishing their proceedings, since we believe everything connected with their work is done conscientiously and honestly. We hope to hear from some of our subscribers on this subject.

To whom it may concern:—

It is known that the dental work of Dr. G. Holmes Crary in Winnebago City, gives good satisfaction, and that the testimony of those whose judgment is considered first class, is, that the Dr. is thoroughly skilled in his profession. Dr. Crary is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, and is a practitioner of years standing. He will remain in town only a few days, but to be sure of securing his services, it is necessary you should call immediately.

Dr. Crary will make regular visits to this place two or three times a year, and to delay now, may cause a delay of six months before another opportunity occurs of having dental work done at home.

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We are glad to see our people moving in this line. Our winter evenings are long and tedious, and we may enjoy ourselves in meeting and singing, and those who can not sing can listen. A large turn out of the singers of our town and vicinity is expected. Come out and try your light shine.

Snow, a foot in depth, has fallen since last Sunday night, and having drifted but very little, will make excellent sleighing. This day is clear, and though many predicted during the fine weather of January, and fair sleighing on four inches of snow—that we should pay dearly for the whistle in February, there is as yet no evidence that the glorious Minnesota weather of the past few weeks will not continue until Spring. The Minneapolis Tribune says:—

If precedents are of any value, the following from the note-book of one of the oldest residents at the Falls, should have some weight.

The winters of 1851-2, 1857-8, and 1859-60 were very similar to the present season, and quite as favorable as regards the mildness of the weather, and an early spring was reached, in each instance, without experiencing a "heavy chill." In 1858 wheat was sown in Fillmore county on the 25th day of February. In 1859 farmers commenced sowing their wheat on the 7th day of March, and nearly all the seed was put into the ground during that month.

Last year wheat was sown in this county before the middle of March, and it would be no cause of wonder if it should be sown here this year as early as in 1858, in Fillmore county.

Packard's *MONTHLY* is increasing in popularity much faster than in years—Though not yet gray with age, it is full of sage reflections. Terms: \$1 a year. Address S. S. Packard, 937 Broadway, New York.

MARKET REPORTS.

Winnebago City Market.

Corrected Weekly by Moulton & Deudon.

Wheat, spring, No. 1.....	60
" No. 2.....	50
Corn.....	30
Barley.....	30
Wheat, 3 bushels.....	34
Potatoes.....	50
Potash.....	20
Eggs.....	20
Crabs.....	75
Hay, 2 ton.....	400
Wood, 1 cord.....	25 to 30
Cheese.....	15
Pork, 100 lbs.....	15
Pork, 50 lbs.....	12.50
Beef fresh, 50 pounds.....	12.50
Kerosene Oil.....	50
Salt, 50 lbs.....	5.00
Lard, 50 lbs.....	2.00

And will be sold cheaper than the cheapest.

Our Stock in part consists of

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES,

YANKEE NOTIONS,

HARDWARE,

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Notice inserted in the reading columns will be charged fifteen cents a line for the first insertion, and ten cents a line for each insertion thereafter.

Advertisements occupying one inch of space, inserted once a week for one dollar. One column one cent, twenty dollars, and all others in proportion.

Andrew C. Dunn,
Attorney and Counselor at Law in Winnebago
City, Minn., will attend to professional busi-
ness throughout the State.—17th.

Dr. J. F. Himes,
Physician & Surgeon,
Office at his residence on Cleveland street, second
house east of the Post Office, Winnebago City,
Minn.

J. H. SPROUT,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
Blue Earth City, Minn.

Mead's Hotel,
BLUE EARTH CITY, MINNESOTA,
T. S. MEAD, Proprietor.
Billiard tables are connected with the house, and
there is good stabling on the premises.—242d.

CONSTANT HOUSE,
BLUE EARTH CITY, MINNESOTA,
H. P. CONSTANT, Proprietor.
This popular hotel entirely new, and furnished
in excellent style.—242d.

Excellent accommodations for teams.

COLLINS' HOTEL,
Winnebago City, Minnesota.

B. G. & A. P. COLLINS, Proprietors.
Excellent accommodations, and charges moderate.

Stages leave this House for all points.—237th.

MANKATO HOUSE
GROVER C. BURT, Proprietor.
Having remained throughout the above
as a favorite of public patronage. Good stable
accommodations are connected with the house.—
Charges moderate.—209th.

C. W. MURPHY & CO.,
Dealers in

BOOKS & STATIONERY,
POST OFFICE BUILDING, FRONT ST.,
MANKATO, MINN.
Particular attention paid to Music Orders.

SHERIDAN J. ABBOTT,
Attorney & Counselor at Law,
Notary Public and Conveyancer.
Particular attention paid to the Collection
of Debts and Payment of Taxes.

ALL BUSINESS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO,
Winnebago City, Minn., Aug. 30, 1869.
230th.

WINNEBAGO CITY HOTEL,
C. S. KIMBALL Proprietor.

Stages leave this Hotel Monday and Thursday, for Winona, Keokuk, Dubuque, and Tipton, and Saturday for the West.
A good Library is connected with the Hotel, and there are ample accommodations for team-
sters.—212th.

Wonderful Invention!
G. E. Morrison, Winnebago City, Minn.
AGENT FOR PATENT LT. CO. COMPANY AND
For The American Button Hole Over-Sewing and
Sealing Machine. The first and only Button-Hole
Machine made in America. It does more work than any other machine ever invented.—
233th.

O. W. CARLSON,
Dealer in Cigars and Tobaccoes
Mankato, Minnesota.

The best brands of Cigars and Tobaccoes, &c., will always be found at my store opposite the Clinton House.—231th.

A. C. MAY,
—DE N T I S T —
MANKATO, MINNESOTA.
Full Sets of Teeth, for 30 days, for 15 Dollars.
Special attention given to all kinds of Dental work,
including the extraction of teeth, &c., &c.
Rooms over Christensen's & Bro.

BAROTT HOUSE,
Corner of Second and Cherry Sts.,
MANKATO, MINNESOTA.
L.G. BAROTT, Proprietor.

THE above house, just completed and furnished,
Accommodations unsurpassed by any public
house in the country, and terms reasonable.
Farmers will always find a comfortable home,
plenty of good feed, and the best of care for their
horses.—237th.

CLIFTON HOUSE,
Front Street, near the Line,
MANKATO, MINNESOTA.

M. T. C. FLOWER & SON,
PROPRIETORS.
General Store, opposite all Points in the State. Good
Baking, with extensive Oysters.—19th.

P. K. WISER,
Practical Watch-Maker, and
JEWELER, Mankato, Minn.
DEALER IN
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry & Silver-Ware. Re-
pairing neatly executed and warranted.

R. WAITE,
J. E. W. L. U. R.
BLUE EARTH CITY, MINNESOTA.
Has constantly on hand Clocks, Watches, Jewel-
lery, Silver-ware, Gold Pots, Musical Instruments
&c. Repairing done with dispatch and warrant-
ed.—238th.

D. WEHRLE.
Watchmaker and Jeweler,
HAS received his complete stock of American
and imported Watches, Clocks, and Jewelry.
Repairing warranted as represented.

FRONT STREET, OPPOSITE THE CLIFTON-HOUSE,
Mankato, Minnesota.

GRIEBEL & BROTHER,
wholesale and retail dealers in
BOOTS, SHOES.
Leather, Flaxings, Shoemakers' Tools, etc.
Front Street,
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WHOLE NO. 276.

Sense.

Beware of jealousy.
Be just and fear not.
Persevere to the end.
Industry prevents vice.
Be what you seem to be.
He is wise that is honest.
Begin and end with God.
Virtue is her own reward.
The best are the cheapest.
Seem to do a mean action.
Confidence bestows success.
Do nothing without design.
Promise little and do much.
Man proposes, God disposes.
Never be weary in well doing.
Idleness is the key of beggary.
Hope is an anchor to the soul.
A good life keeps off wrinkles.
Quality is better than quantity.
Lazy folks take the most pains.
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There's nothing true but heaven.
Thought is deeper than all speech.
A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
Trifles often lead to serious results.
Prayer is the chiefest of time of life.
Pleasure and it will follow thee.
Truth fears nothing but concealment.
Do what you ought, come what may.
Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.
A guilty conscience needs no accuser.
Pleads are fruit-words are only leaves.
Adversity makes a man wise, not rich.
Of earthly goods, the best is a good wife.

Religious contention is Satan's harvest.
Modesty has more charms than beauty.

Age and youth both have their dreams.
The sweetest pleasures are soonest gone.

The first step to greatness is to be honest.
Money is a good servant but a bad master.

Some are very busy, and yet do nothing.
If you would make a thief honest, trust him.

Better be alone than with bad company.

Indolence and ease are the rust of the mind.
Do good whenever you can, and forget it.

Articles of real merit are worth their weight.

Pride not your mouth with impure words.

Love rules his kingdom without a sword.

The simple flowers are sociable and benevolent.

Many carries an enemy in his own bosom.

When flatterers meet, Satan goes to dinner.

A pound of care will not pay a pound of debt.

Sometimes words wound more than swords.

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.

Youth looks at the possible, age at the probable.

No one ever becomes poor through giving alms.

Report is a quick traveler, but an unsafe guide.

Drive thy business, or thy business will drive thee.

A good book supplies the place of a companion.

He who despises the little is not worthy of the great.

Many kiss hands they would fain see chopped off.

Fortune can only take from us what she gave us.

It's a very proud horse that will not carry his oats.

Never lose your self-respect; if that is lost, all is lost.

Undertake nothing without thoroughly considering it.

Flowers weep without woe, and blush without crime.

Disputing and borrowing, cause grief and sorrowing.

He who slanders his neighbor makes a bad example.

Never marry without love, nor love without reason.

A wise man appears like a fool in a company.

Love sought is good, but given un-sought is better.

For the Free Homestead.

Light.

By Cousin Rose.

And God said, "Let there be light."

What a blessed boon! How kind, how great, in all his gifts.

Without the gift to man, of what avail were all the beauties of the universe?

Let us consider light in many points of view.

First, with what astonishing rapidity light travels. It has been ascertained by astronomical observation that it travels one hundred and ninety-five miles in a second of time. Who can conceive anything more grandly sublime than this creation of the Almighty?

All the works of God are incomparable; yet without light we should never have been able to behold them. We are able to look upon the sun, the moon, and the myriads of stars that appear in the heavens; and we can see all nature: sometimes dressed in flowers and verdure; then again divested of its bloom by the frosts of winter. And if we

are also assured that at this wheel is so constructed that it is impossible for the tide to become displaced, and that the wear to the track is much less than by the cast wheel, which of itself would make an important saving.

If this wheel proves to have all the

merits claimed for it, it will, we hear,

generally adopted on the Hudson River

Railroad. The increased cost of these

wheels over the iron wheels should not

prevent railroad corporations from adopt-

ing them if it is proved by trial that with

them human life is made more safe.

Their greater durability and the saving

of wear and tear of track will, it is be-

lieved, render these wheels in the end much the cheapest.

PEAT.

PEAT IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA.

Its Advance Last Year.

New Peat Machinery; its Trial, &c.

Several different parties undertook the

manufacture of Peat fuel, last season

but in almost every instance the ma-

chinery failed to work out fibrous Peat.

We have the Boston Peat Machinery;

also the Janesville, Wis., Machinery;

but none of it is arranged with edges

so perfectly sharp to cut the fibers that

they interlace the Peat, especially near

the surface, the machinery all fails to

perform the work required, and causes a

full in this new manufacturing business.

But every pound of peat that has been

produced, and every trial that has been

had with the peat, helps to more firmly

substantiate in our minds that it is a

good, successful and reliable fuel for

almost all kind of heating purposes.

It will work iron and steel in the black-

smith's forge. It will melt cast iron in the

furnace, and it does it quicker and with

less blast than Leigh coal. It is a good

steam generator. It is a nice, desirable

and reliable fuel for the cooking stove

and the stoves or grates of the office and

parlor. It is said to be good for boiling

sorghum, burning lime, brick, &c.

Mr. W. Z. Haight, of Faribault coun-

ty, who was the first agitator of the peat

business in this part of the State, has inven-

tored a new peat machine, which is

designed to be used for condensing, mould-

ing, and excavating from the bog.

The condensing and moulding mill is

a small, compact machine, and to all

appearance durable. It weighs about

six hundred pounds, and is so con-

structed that it can be attached to a

common threshing horse power, steam or

water power.

At a trial of the mill last September

we condensed and modelled the peat into

blocks of convenient size, at the rate of

sixty tons of green, very fibrous peat per

day. The mill is so arranged with cut-

ters, made of the best of steel, that it

reduces the most soddy, fibrous peat to

a pulp at once. Thence it is pressed into

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THE FREE HOMESTEAD.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1860.

TO ADVERTISERS.
This paper has a larger circulation than any other paper in Faribault County, and is the only paper in the county, which is printed entirely at home.

The Legislative Visit.

The Wisconsin programme for the entertainment of the members of the Minnesota Legislature, is as follows:

Governor Fairchild, Senator Fisher and Assemblyman Barron are a committee to meet them at Prairie du Chien.

Each member of the Minnesota Legislature, State officers and their ladies will be presented with tickets assigning them hotel and room.

On arrival at Madison they will be welcomed by the firing of cannon and music from the various bands of the city. Speeches will be made by Governor Fairchild, Senator Ed. Bragg and Assemblyman Barron.

After a rest they will be escorted to the various State institutions, including the Lunatic Asylum, State University and State Historical Society.

On Wednesday evening at six o'clock the two legislatures—State officers thereof, and certain invited guests and ladies, will sit down to a banquet in the rotunda of the State Capitol, for which tickets will be issued, not transferable.

At the close of the supper a dance will take place in the Assembly Hall, under the management of a committee of ten, seven upon the part of the Legislature and three upon the part of the citizens.

Thursday morning the two bodies will proceed to Milwaukee in pursuance of an invitation received from the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Trade. From thence the Minnesota Legislature will probably proceed home via Waukegan's Bill. Read and referred.

The elegant Directors' Car of the St. Paul Railway has been placed at the service of the committee of arrangements.

The Senate passed a bill appropriating a sufficient sum to defray all expenses.

For the banquet Wednesday evening the rotunda will be magnificently decorated with battle flags and festoons of flowers. With great good sense the committee of arrangements have determined to allow no liquors of any description.

Subjects for Consideration.

1st.—From Hewitt's new pamphlet on "Minnesota," under the head of "Projected Railroads," we read that it is proposed to run a road from Lanesboro, Fillmore county, via Chatfield to Rochester, Zumbrota, and Cannon Falls to St. Paul, passing through the counties of Olmsted, Wabasha, Goodhue and Dakota.

2d.—Clark W. Thompson has telegraphed from New York that Freshorn's Railroad to build a branch road via Lanesboro, Rochester, &c.

Bill amending the general laws, introduced by Mr. Folson.

Bill authorizing the appointment of railroad commissioners, introduced by M. W. Smith.

Counting the Presidential Vote.

The Presidential vote will be counted at 1 o'clock to-day, in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, in the presence of the Senate, the President of the Senate in the Chair. The Senate select one teller, and the House two. Presiding officer (Mr. Wade) opens the envelopes and reads the vote, and the tellers record it. Objection can be made by any member of either House to the counting of the vote of any State, and in that case the Senate will retire to its own chamber and each House will vote separately upon the question of the reception of the vote of States *and without debate*. This is the provision of the joint rule of the two Houses on this subject. The proceeding, though interesting because of its infrequent occurrence, is not calculated to be of a very entertaining character. The certificate of result, made by the presiding officer, follows immediately.

Concerning the failure of Baldwin & Kittredge of Waseca, the *News* says:

"We are credibly informed that their liabilities are about thirty thousand dollars, and that their firm assets—putting in their real estate at nominal prices—are something over thirty-two thousand dollars; while their private property amounts to several thousand dollars more. If this information is correct, a proper management of the assets, by the creditors through their assignee, will eventually secure to each full payment. The creditors therefore ought to be particularly careful in the selection of their assignee."

We are authorized to state that those persons who have stored wheat with H. D. Baldwin will be paid the market price for the same.

Andy Johnson's Trumpet.

In compliance of some of the solicitations of the friends of Mrs. Surratt, the President ordered the remains to be disinterred and delivered to her relatives. Her body was buried in the same enclosure with Payne, Atzerod and Harold, near the place of interment of Booth's remains. We understand is that there will be no demonstrations whatever when the funeral services take place. They will be privately conducted.

A New York newspaper has a carrier who is worth \$100,000, and will trample his daily rounds.

Minnesota Legislature.

Both branches of the Legislature voted to accept the invitation of the Wisconsin Legislature to visit Madison, and yesterday morning was designated as the time for starting.

In the House, on the 2d inst., after the usual opening ceremonies,

Mr. Tibbets presented a petition from a large number of citizens asking that in any change that may be made in the constitution there may be no distinction between men and women.

Mr. Lathrop moved to refer to special committee, which was lost.

Mr. McDonald moved to lay it on the table. Lost.

Mr. Meigher moved to refer it to a committee of five. Lost.

Mr. Baxter moved to send it to the committee on commerce. Some merit and question not put.

Mr. Aker moved to send it to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. McDonald moved to amend by inserting the committee or charitable institutions. Abstained.

Mr. Easton thought this was not treating the petition with dignity. The petition was rejected and should be treated in a proper manner.

The question on the amendment of Mr. McDonald was put and lost.

The question on the motion of Mr. Aker being put, was carried, and so the petition was sent to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Rhodes introduced a bill in the House, providing for the equal distribution of the 500,000 acres of land from the General Government, among the different counties of the State.

In the House, Mr. Hunter presented a petition in behalf of the homestead settlers, for the enacting of a law similar to provisions in the bill passed the Senate during the last session, known as Walker's bill. Read and referred.

The manufacture of the telegraphic cable which is proposed to submerge between France and America next summer, proceeds with satisfactory rapidity.

The cable is to start from the French coast at near Brest, and to be laid across the Atlantic to the French island of St. Pierre, off the American continent, a distance of 2,325 miles. Communication with the main land will be affected by means of an additional line, which will be laid from the island to probably some point in the State of New York. This will represent a further distance of about 722 miles, so that the whole length of two sections of the system will be about 3,047 nautical miles.

Subjects for Consideration.

1st.—From Hewitt's new pamphlet on "Minnesota," under the head of "Projected Railroads," we read that it is proposed to run a road from Lanesboro, Fillmore county, via Chatfield to Rochester, Zumbrota, and Cannon Falls to St. Paul, passing through the counties of Olmsted, Wabasha, Goodhue and Dakota.

A bill allowing the Southern Minnesota Railroad to build a branch road via Lanesboro, Rochester, &c.

Bill amending the general laws, introduced by Mr. Folson.

Bill authorizing the appointment of railroad commissioners, introduced by M. W. Smith.

Counting the Presidential Vote.

The Presidential vote will be counted at 1 o'clock to-day, in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, in the presence of the Senate, the President of the Senate in the Chair. The Senate select one teller, and the House two. Presiding officer (Mr. Wade) opens the envelopes and reads the vote, and the tellers record it. Objection can be made by any member of either House to the counting of the vote of any State, and in that case the Senate will retire to its own chamber and each House will vote separately upon the question of the reception of the vote of States *and without debate*.

This is the provision of the joint rule of the two Houses on this subject. The proceeding, though interesting because of its infrequent occurrence, is not calculated to be of a very entertaining character. The certificate of result, made by the presiding officer, follows immediately.

The President has pardoned Dr. Mudd, the assassin conspirator now at the Dry Tortugas, and it is thought he will also pardon Arnold and Spangler.

Telegram.

... pardon the devil, and abolish hell fire, if God Almighty did not interfere with his policy.

When the resolution to visit Wisconsin was under consideration in the Senate, 14 Senators voted to accept the free ride and entertainment, and 7 opposed the resolution, as establishing a bad precedent. We are happy to say that Senator Harris,—the "printer's friend"—did not oppose the measure.

The Rebel Vice President, Stevens, declines the Professorship of the University of Georgia, on account of ill health.

A large meeting was held in London last Friday night, in favor of amnesty to all Fenian prisoners, including those in Canada.

The January statement shows the total public debt, less cash in the Treasury, to be \$2,556,205,658.

Female suffrage in Missouri, has been defeated in the Legislature, by 57 to 43; but a bill will be introduced in the House this week, to submit the question to the people, and night sessions, commencing to-night, will be held to discuss the subject.

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Diving Services.

Baptist.—Services in the Baptist church every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. E. A. STONE, Pastor.

Methodist.—Services every Sabbath morning in the Methodist Church at 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. A. C. HANLON, Pastor.

Union.—Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evenings, in the Baptist Church, at 7 o'clock.

Sabbath School every Sunday morning, immediately after preaching.

MINNEAPOLIS VALLEY RAILROAD.

ACCOMMODATION AND FREIGHT.

Leave Mankato 9:00 a.m., Arrive St. Paul 1:45 p.m.

" St. Paul 8:30 a.m., " Mankato 4:30 p.m.

EXPRESS.

Leave Mankato 4:45 a.m., Arrive St. Paul 9:55 a.m.

" St. Paul 3:30 p.m., " Mankato 8:30 p.m.

\$1200 And All Expenses Paid!

See Advertisement of AMERICAN SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINES in our advertising column, ly.

Attention is called to the article on Peat, on the first page.

The total amount of wheat received at the Waseca elevator during the two months of December and January, was 117,873 bushels.

The State Commissioners on the selection of school books to be used during the next five years, have extended the time for perfecting the exchange until the 1st of April next.

Two farms for sale, now advertised in the Homestead. They are both very desirably located, and a desired change of business, is the only reason for their being in the market.

C. J. Farley returned a few days since from a prolonged visit to New York city. His familiar face can now be seen at the Drug Store, where he is again on duty, and ready to fill all prescriptions.

The LADY IN GREEN will lecture at Moulton's Hall, in Winnebago City, on Saturday evening, Feb. 13th, 1869. Admission 25 cents. Tickets for sale at the Post Office.

PHASES OF THE FRONTIER, the theme which will be amusingly illustrated, and warranted not to be uninteresting to even those who are familiarly acquainted with rude life on the border land.

Our readers have the assurance that the "Lady in Green," though attired in green, is not green.

Arrangements have recently been made by which the through fare from Winnebago City to Milwaukee and Chicago has been reduced; it being seven dollars and five cents cheaper than by the Minnesota Valley Railroad. Passengers leave Winnebago City by George's Stage Line on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, reaching Waseca the same day. Tickets are for sale at the Post Office in this place, and cost:

To Milwaukee - - - \$17.45.
To Chicago - - - - 20.45.

This route is now the easiest, as well as the cheapest, to Milwaukee, Chicago, and all points in the east.

THOMAS GEORGE, Proprietor.

Minn.

Feb. 9th, 1869.

E. A. HOTCHKISS,
Editor HOMESTEAD.—Sir:—I wish you to discontinue my card and your paper. I think you are very mean to pervert the meaning of my card to make it appear ridiculous to the public by the omission of a letter in the word —

I paid you in advance, which I know is not a common practice; but if it is wrong to pay editors in that way, then I had better discontinue my patronage and call for a settlement immediately.

Yours,

X. Y.—

To a man who had the faintest conception of the "art preservative," it would be unnecessary to explain that the letter in question accidentally dropped from the form as it was being put upon the press. But the author of the above, as anxious to find an excuse for a caustic remark, jumps at the conclusion that said letter was purposely abstacted.

We can only account for the imputosity of the aforesaid conclusion, by presuming that the nail was hit upon the head. But the half fatal accident was headed two days before the receipt of the above happily worded letter, in accordance with the provisions of which, we have stopped the paper, and confined the advertisement.

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"Yes or No?"—a steel engraving illustrating a story by Miss Douglas, in the LADY'S FRIEND, is worth the price of the number. Published at 310 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

The February number of the RADICAL, published at 25 Bromfield St., Boston, contains many interesting essays, and several poems of merit. Terms: \$4.00 a year.

The MUSICAL GUEST brings us an abundance of choice musical items. The music in each number is well worth the whole volume. \$1.00 a year.

W. W. Whitney, Toledo, O.

The Northwestern Telegraph Company has opened offices in the following towns along the Southern Minnesota Road: Grand Crossing, Hokah, Whalen, Lanesboro, Houston and Rushford.—St. Paul Press.

To new subscribers, renouncing to the publishers for the year 1869, THE LIVING AGE is sent from the beginning of Auerbach's romance (No. 1277) to January 1st, 1869, free of charge.

Littell & Gay, Publishers,
29 Bromfield St., Boston.

THE LAWFUL BUSHEL.—As it may be of interest to some of our farmer readers, and others, to know the lawful bushel in Minnesota, we give it as follows:

Wheat 40 lbs; Oats 32; Corn 56; Ry 56; Barley 48; Buckwheat 42; Potatoes 60; Clover Seed 60.

No. 8 cook-stoves furnished complete for \$20.00 at the hardware store in Winnebago City.

The Nordisk Volksblad, a Scandinavian paper, published in Minneapolis for \$2.00 a year, will commence in March, the publication of the History of the United States, and of the late war. The translation will be made by W. T. Rambusch, Esq., of Freeborn Co. It will be arranged in the paper that it can be cut off and bound in book form, thus furnishing to every subscriber this valuable and long needed work, without extra expense.

THE ECLECTIC for February contains, embellishment, Peter the Great Crossing the Nova, Sir Robert Peel; Hindoo Legends; The Turkomans and other Tribes of the North-eastern Frontier; The Moon: The Flight to Varennes; Legends of the Black Forest; II; The Great Nephilim in Arg; Half Hours with the Best Letter Writers; Gossip from Egypt; He knew he was right; The Rhine Frontier; Moncreiff's Ordinance System; The History of the Inquisition; Chemical Cleanliness; The Earthquake Regions of South America; Halleck's Poems; Poetry, &c. Terms: One copy, one year, \$5.00; two copies, one year, \$9.00; five copies, one year, \$2.00. Address E. R. Pelton, Publisher, 196 Fulton St., New York.

MARRIED.

In Sterling, Feb. 3d, 1869, by E. G. Beck,
Capt. Mr. ROBERT CURRY and Miss ELIZA
A. TENNY.

At the 4th, by E. G. Beck, Esq., Mr. MELVIN W. CROSS and Miss OLIVE MOTT,
All of Blue Earth Co., Minn.

With these notices came a note saying the snow was too deep to admit of sending cake; but an inclosed greenback was lovingly pocketed, and

With right merry click,
The tops in the stick.

announces that Miss Tenny has her Curry, and that Miss Mott has taken up her Cross.

In Vernon, Feb. 7th, 1869, by the Rev. Wm. STEPHEN GATES and Miss LYDIA A. LINDSLEY. All of Vernon.

Farm for Sale.

THIS subscriber, wishing to change his business, offers for sale a fine farm, situated in Vernon, Faribault Co., Minnesota, containing 160 acres, of which 80 are cultivated and 4 well timbered. A good frame house, and two wells on the premises. This is much good meadow land on this quarter, which will sell cheap. For particulars, inquire of F. E. Harlow, or the subscriber, at Winnebago City, Minn. H. D. CORNWELL.

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For the People's Edition of Cogheave & Horson's Life & Epistles of ST. PAUL,

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Dr. J. P. Humes,
Physician & Surgeon,
now at his residence on Cleveland street, second
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Attorney and Counselor at Law,
Blue Earth City. Minn.
242tf

Mead's Hotel,
BLUE EARTH CITY, MINNESOTA,
I. S. MEAD, Proprietor.
Billiard tables are connected with the house, and
there is good stabling on the premises.
242y

CONSTANS HOUSE,
BLUE EARTH CITY, MINNESOTA,
H. P. CONSTANS, Proprietor.
This popular Hotel is entirely new, and furnish-
ed in excellent style.
Excellent accommodations for teams.
242z

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B. G. & A. P. COLLINS, Proprietors.
Excellent accommodations, and charges mod-
erate.
Stages leave this House for all points. 237tf

MANKATO HOUSE
GROVER, Proprietor.
Having been throughout the above
well known house, the proprietors have a
continuation of public patronage. Good stable
accommodations are connected with the house.
Rooms moderate. 209

C. W. MURPHY & CO.,
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Attorney & Counselor at Law,
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Particular attention paid to the Collec-
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ALL BUSINESS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
Winnebago City, Minn., Aug. 20, 1863.
228tf

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C. S. KIMBALL, Proprietor.
Stages leave this Hotel Mondays and Thurs-
days for the nearest Ballou's station, and Tues-
days and Saturdays for the West.
A good livery is connected with the Hotel,
and there are ample accommodations for team-
sters. 212tf

Wonderful Invention!
G. K. McILROY, Winnebago City, Minn.
AGENT FOR FARIBAULT COUNTY.
For the Improved Bagged-Hand, Over-Sewing and
Sealing Machine. The first bagged-hand made
and sewing machine combined, it does more work than any other machine ever invented.
205tf

O. W. CARLSON,
Dealer in Cigars and Tobaccos
Mankato, Minnesota.
The best brands of Cigars and Tobaccos, etc.,
will always be found at my store opposite
the Clinton House. 255y

A. C. MAY,
—DE N T I S T —
MANKATO, MINNESOTA.
Full Sets of Teeth, for \$20.00, for \$5.00.
Special care given to the dental work,
and all work carefully done to give satisfaction.
Laughing gas given for the extraction of teeth.
ROOMS OVER CHRISTENSEN'S BARBERSHOP.

CLIFTON HOUSE.
Front Street, near the Lake.
MANKATO, MINNESOTA.

M. T. C. FLOWER & SON,
PROPRIETORS.
General Store Office for all Points in the State. Good
Baking with attentive Officers. 12y

P. K. WISER,
Practical Watch-Maker, and
JEWELER, Mankato, Minn.
DEALER IN
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver-Ware, etc.
Repairing neatly executed and warranted.

BAROTT HOUSE,
Corner of Second and Cherry Sts.,
MANKATO, MINNESOTA.
L.G. BAROTT, Proprietor.
THE above house, just completed and furnish-
ed new throughout, is opened to the public.
Accommodations unparallelled by any other
house in the country, and most reasonable.
Farmers will always find a comfortable, barn-
style of good feed, and the best of care for their
horses. 257tf

R. WAITE,
JEWELER,
MINNESOTA.
Has constantly on hand Clocks, Watches, Jewelry,
Silver-Ware, Gold Pans, Musical Instruments,
etc. Repairing done with dispatch and warrant-
ed. 258tf

D. WEHRLE,
Watchmaker and Jeweler,
HAS received his complete stock of American
and imported Watches, Clocks, and Jewelry.
Repairing warranted as represented.

FRONT STREET, OPPOSITE THE CLIFTON HOUSE,
Mankato, Minnesota.
255y

GRIEBEL & BROTHER,
wholesale and retail dealers in
BOOTS, SHOES.
Leather, Findings, Shoemakers' Tools, etc.
Front Street.
Opposite the Post Office, Mankato, Minn.

Free Homestead.

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WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN., WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1869.

WHOLE NO. 277.

Schröter's Philosophe.

BY HANS BRUNNEN.

Herr Schröter makes a philosopher,

You do not know him;

And you do not know him;

You do not know him,

And you do not know him;

For he shuddered to do axed trees

Mit der wheel between his looks.

Und er went to shatter it off

He paddled mit his feet,

Und soon he set to go so vast

Der avenging wheel,

And went as sure as ash oaks,

He shaketh like der vinsch,

Hie! how he barred do vance traps,

And let dem all pehnt!

De vellers mit do trotting nags

Pounded to see him lass,

Der vellers mit do trotting nags

With a shout of "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Boat vasser stillt der Schröter dewet,

On a ghatly shalby;

He thundert issued do dir, my shingis!

Not once in half a mile!

Ob vat ihh dis early pliss?

Ob vat ihh man's eyes?

Ob vat ihh hands?

Und vat ihh hoddings?

Und vat ihh hoddings?

Fei vann a pink note in de shreidet,

Next day der pink is prov:

He vann a pink note in de shreidet,

Fei vann a pink note in de shreidet,

THE FREE HOMESTEAD.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1869.

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No. 8 cook-stoves furnished complete for \$28.00 at the Hardware store in Winnebago City.

The name of the Minnesota Valley Railroad has been changed to the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad.

It is thought the recent rains have done considerable damage to wheat stored in rail bins, &c., not sufficiently protected from the storm.

The "Life Sketch" on the first page, was written by a young man who resides in Mankato, and we shall be glad to hear from him again.

A series of meetings have been in progress for some weeks at Woodland Mills, and there have been a number of conversions.

The WINNEBAGO LITERARY UNION will meet at the school house at 7 o'clock this evening. Question for discussion: Resolved, That the men and women of America should enjoy equal social and political rights.

The public are cordially invited.

E. P. BARTLETT, Pres.
F. N. WARE, Sec'y.

Sorosis in Winnebago.

A large knot of ladies were seen in the street this morning, apparently engaged in the earnest discussion of some important question, and as the Mayor of the city was present, it is supposed they were a committee appointed to wait on him, and obtain his consent to the organization of a Sorosis. Such a movement will no doubt meet with the hearty approval of the authorities.

The Svenska Minnesota Bladet is the only Swedish newspaper published in Minnesota, and Wisconsin and Iowa boast not of a paper in that language. The first number of the Bladet was issued at Red Wing, on the 16th of last month, and is edited by T. B. Franklin, at \$2.00 a year. It is a seven column paper, well printed, and looks very readable. It must have a large circulation, as the Swedish population of this State is very large.

12 tons of fence wire for sale at the Hardware store in Winnebago City.

The weather is such, that one is tempted out of doors, despite the luxuries of a sofa by nine office with ceiling so low that the wearing of stove-pipe hats is an utter impossibility.

The rainy days—a novelty here in winter—are ended, and the sleighing seems to be none the worse for its rainy bath.

One night last week we were suddenly aroused by the familiar sight and sound of thunder and lightning; though no deaths have yet been reported, the list of killed and wounded is daily looked for, since a thunder storm in this country is pretty sure of the mark, and that mark, the palpitating heart of hog or human.

Mr. H. M. Huntington has purchased a one-third interest in the manufacturing establishment of Wheeler & Rice, in Winnebago, and the style of the firm will hereafter be WHEELER, RICE & CO.

Last fall, Messrs. Wheeler & Rice erected an entirely new building, which was supposed to be large enough for the business they would do, but it is already found to be too small, and the company will either extend the building, or put up another. The Blacksmith shop has now five forges, and the wagons and plows turned out by this company have a ready sale, and for two years they have found it impossible to fill all their orders.

Grain Grading.
The following petition to the Legislature is now in circulation:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, in Legislature convened:

The petition of the subscribers, farmers of Minnesota, respectfully sheweth that we have agreed by the way in which our wheat is graded with the instruments used by the wheat buyers in our State, believing we do not receive a just recompence for our produce.

Therefore, we do hereby petition your Honorable bodies to exact a law that all instruments, or measures used for grading wheat shall hold or contain not less than one bushel, standard measure:

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Railroad prospects in Prescott. The people of Prescott and vicinity are being very jubilant over the present railroad prospects. It is thought and expressed by the people in that vicinity, that the road from Mankato to Blue Earth City will be built the present year, and that said road will pass through the towns of Blue Earth, Prescott, Guthrie, and so on in a straight line from Mankato to Blue Earth City. Prescott will probably get a station, and Guthrie an elevator and depot, in which case we shall be recognized as a people who inhabit a portion of the civilized world; and those towns situated along the Blue Earth River (for which we sympathize) would be packing their effects and moving east, while those noted towns would be numbered among the things that were. The reasons for these opinions are numerous.

Yours, &c.,
PRESCOTT,
Feb. 14th, '69.

For the happiness of the people in the towns of Prescott, Guthrie, &c., we wish we could assure them that their hopes were not without foundation; and indeed, if all they have heard on the subject of the North and South road were true, they would have some foundation; but unless the company which proposes to build that road, tell vastly different stories, there is little hope for the road to be built east, at, or west of Winnebago, during the year 1869.

DRIFTS.

A WINTER NIGHT'S REVENGE.
As we write this February (Tuesday) evening, by a comfortable wood fire and softly-sounded lamp, the wind and storm without are moaning like a lost angel, mourning its sad lot of exile from the blessed. What a night! God pity the homeless! Theirs at best is a sad lot, but at a time like this it is indeed pitiful. But who tempehth the wind to the shorn lamb, who sendeth the rain alike upon the just and unjust, who judgeth in mercy, and is a just Judge of judges, whose care is for all and over all, who knowth no title, and to whom high and low, rich and poor, black and white, Jew and Gentile, bond and free, are alike—will care for his children?

How the snow drifts! How useless would be an attempt to face such a storm. He who makes it on great prairies will perish, and furnish the papers with an item of home news, which would be a blessing—in its way.

We see some parallel in this storm to the affairs of life.

A young man goes out into the world, with a father's good advice and God's blessing in his ears, and a mother's blessing upon his head, feeling that the prayers of that dear old couple will go up for the wanderer. Amid new scenes and companions he commences life with good principles and bright prospects. * * * The wine cup is presented, perhaps urged by the winning smile and flashing eye of beauty, and forgetting his resolutions, he drinks. A year finds him a moderate drinker; another, a hard drinker. He has some difficulty in making his way home, though it be summer time. He is getting thin in the drifts! Nothing but total abstinence and the grace of God will shew him out.

Another leaves a neighboring farm house, under like circumstances, and commences life under the same favorable auspices. He has no taste for strong drink, there is no danger that he will ever fill a drunkard's grave. But his wages are spent before they are earned; he does not know the value of money. The more he gets the less he has; and eventually he is a defaulter, pifed by few, and respected by none. He is fast in the drift!

Nothing but a sudden change will save him.

Another chooses the political arena.

Is trusted by the people, rises to positions of profit and honor, has the power to be remembered as a wise man and a benefactor of his race—but turns his back on all that is good, sells his soul to the devil, and his vote to the Democrats, and slops over. He, too, is in the drift! But even the whiteness of the snow cannot cover his blackness, or remove the "damned spot" from his hand. A fourth o' July sun would have no more effect on his drift than on a rock. Let him stick!

Another—his bed-time; and we bid our readers good night! hoping they may never be stuck in a snow-drift.—Dodgeville (Wis.) Chronicle.

DIED.

In Aspinwall, Faribault County, Minn., Feb. 14, 1869, Maude Alstrand, only daughter of W. T. and F. A. Alrey, aged 9 months and 7 days.

Our baby's grave! How cold the earth.

Back from our hearts the words rebound;

Our friends by grief, are troubled o'er.

With thoughts of her who is no more.

How oft we're fondled on our knee,

That child while in her infancy.

What chilling thoughts then we must have,

In weeping o'er our baby's grave.

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WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN., WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1869.

WHOLE NO. 278.

CRADLE SONG.

All by the side of the still river,
Surging sad through the southern land,
There the black reeds wash together—
Washing together rain and sand;
Going, flowing, floating, with the roses,
Rushes, and wind, and the tide runs high;
Hush little babe, in thy cradle—
Lull, lull, lull, lull, lull, lullaby!

Father is riding home, little baby,
Riding home through the wind and rain;
Flinty knobs on the flag stems beating—
Thrum like a half-bred, the golden grain.
All in the morning, come with the roses,
Dance and splash with the flowers, from
There he the blood-red wings of his home,
Shining to light and lead him home.

Spurring hard of the grass-gray ridges—
Steaming rain in the low wet land,
Where the black reeds wash together—
Washing together rain and sand.

Down of yellow-throated creepers,
Plumbeous Wrens, greenish black—
Bushes of sally, and mulberry, honey—
Plums the gifts he is bearing back.

Yearning, yearning four sweet ground doves—
Singing to their nest in the walls,

Oh, by the morning, and oh, by the drowsing;

The wild water is over them all!

Come, in the morning, come with the roses,

Flame like a burning sun in the sky—

Hush little babe, in thy cradle—

Lull, lull, lull, lull, lull, lullaby!

—Panzer's Magazine.

Address of the Southern Minnesota Home-
stead Society.

The following article appeared in the
Freeborn County Standard last week,

and was sent to us, with request that it
appear in the Homestead.

For the purpose of dispelling the public
mind of the false impression which
some have sought to fix upon it, in regard
to our action, and of enlightening it as to
the grounds of our opposition to paying the taxes which have been assessed
against us, we respectfully set forth our views of the question for the consideration
of our fellow-citizens.

That it is proper and right to levy

and collect taxes for the maintenance of

government, the support of schools, and

kindred objects, is a principle too well

established to admit of controversy, or

to need proof. That such taxes should

be levied on a basis of *equity* and *justice*

is a point equally incontrovertible;

and, when so levied, every principle
of honor and true manhood requires that

they be promptly and cheerfully paid.

But when they are levied on a

basis of *inequality* and *injustice*,

the reasons which demand their payment in the former case, forbid it in the latter.

That the tax levied in and for the year

1868, in Freeborn county, at least

against homestead settlers, as *personal* property tax, on account of improvements

on, and interest in, the lands occu-

pied by them as homesteads, were

levied on a basis of inequality and in-

justice, we fully believe, and think we

can show to a discerning public

the inequality of it is seen again,

from the fact that in the county of Par-

tial this "interest" of the homestead

settler was valued at a uniform rate of

\$10 on a quarter section, that being the

amount which each settler had paid for

his "claim" at the land office; and on

this sum only was the tax assessed, as

on the "interest;" while the im-

provements were valued at a lower rate

in Freeborn county. Admitting

the right to tax such a supposed "inter-

est," it clearly is not right that it should

be assessed on a uniform valuation of \$10

in one county, and varying from \$8 to

\$500, in an adjoining one. If it is

not legal and right to tax it at all, on

the ground that it is a *land tax* and cannot

be made a personal property tax, simply

because *land is not personal property*,

and cannot be *made such by any act of*

the *Legislature*, or any other power,

then it is not *legal* to tax it at all.

At the same time, it is not *right* to tax it

at a uniform basis as this is illegal,

unjust, and unwise. So, if it is not

legal to tax it at all, it is not right to

tax it at a uniform basis.

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THE FREE HOMESTEAD.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1863.

TO ADVERTISERS.

This paper has a larger circulation than any other paper in Faribault County, and is the only paper in the country which is printed entirely at home.

Minnesota Legislature.

In the Senate, on the 15th, Mr. Bachelder presented a petition from residents of Faribault, asking that the State laws so changed as to compel every person hereafter becoming the incumbent of any office thereunder, to subscribe to an oath to abstain from all alcoholic stimulants as a beverage while holding said office. Referred to Judiciary committee.

The bill to accept of a grant of 200,000 acres of land from the United States for the purpose of a lock and dam at Meeher Island, passed 1st yeas, 13; 2nd, 2.

In the House, Mr. Hunter presented a petition from the citizens of Jackson county, in behalf of the homestead settlers, praying for a law similar in its provisions to the bill that passed the Senate during the last session. Referred to committee on Taxes and Tax Laws.

The committee on Railroads introduced a bill for an act to authorize the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company to construct and operate an additional branch from Lanesboro by way of Chaffield and Rochester, touching the township of Waukonings, in Goodhue county.

THE WISCONSIN VISIT.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolutions, which were read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations:

Resolved, By the Senate, that we hereby extend to the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, to the State officers thereof, and to the city of Milwaukee, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association, our most hearty thanks for their successful endeavors to make our recent visit to Wisconsin the most pleasant and profitable episode of our lives.

That while all the arrangements of that visit, with its magnificence and abounding hospitality, were such as to make each one of us an individual debtor to our manifold hosts, we also recognize it as a public good, uniting our respective States in a close bond and affording additional means for the promotion of interests common to the people of Minnesota and Wisconsin; we can but consider that such visits are productive not only of individual pleasure, but that by interchange of friendly intercourse the bonds of the Federal Union are thereby strengthened.

Resolved, That to the officers of the St. Paul and Milwaukee Railroad Company we tender our gratitude, not only for the free use of their road, but also for all of those attentions which made our recent excursion a pleasure to all from the beginning to the end thereof.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of the parties therein named.

In the Senate, on the 15th, a bill appropriating \$5,000 yearly for the support of the State Normal School at Mankato, was passed 1st yeas, 18; 2nd, nays, none.

Mr. Clark, of Hennepin county, gave notice in the House that he would introduce a bill to locate the State Capital at Kandiyohi, in Kandiyohi county, and to provide for the erection of suitable capitol buildings theretofore.

On the 15th, Mr. Wakefield introduced a bill to amend section 78, title I, chapter 8, of the revised statutes.

Also to amend section 19, chapter 120, of the general statutes.

Also to fix and regulate the fees of sheriffs in certain cases.

On the 17th, Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on Railroads, reported in favor of the passage of the House bill amending the act to authorize the city of St. Paul to aid in the construction of the St. Paul and Chicago Railroad, approved March 6th, 1858.

Also, the House bill confirming the action of the City Council of St. Paul in relation to bonds issued to the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company.

Also, an act to amend an act entitled to authorize the city of Wabash to aid in the construction of the St. Paul and Chicago Railroad, approved March 6th, 1858.

Mr. Wakefield introduced a bill to legalize certain bounty certificates issued by the town of Ottawa in Le Sueur county, and the action of such authorities. Referred to Senator Wakefield.

FIFTH ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Wakefield offered a joint resolution fixing noon of Wednesday, March 1st for the time of closing the present session of the Legislature, and that no new bills be offered after Friday the 26th inst.

After brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Potter, the resolution was laid on the table—yeas 12; nays 8.

Upon the members assembling in the House, on the 17th, they were called to order as usual, and the Chaplain proceeded to perform divine service. He began by saying: "Hear ye the Word of the Lord, as it is written," and then read a chapter from the Bible. At the conclusion of the reading, and before he prayed, he addressed the members of the House in substance as follows:

"Before I proceed any further, you must allow me to say a word. We profess to be a people of God, and as such we ought to observe these religious services the same as we do similar ones at home, or in our churches. At home or at church you would not think of leaning back in your chairs and reading newspapers, or putting your feet up on the benches, or chairs. Such conduct is not proper or in accordance with the

solemnities of the occasion. I trust, therefore, that there will be a reformation here in regard to this matter, and that these words, uttered in all kindness, will be heeded. Let us pray."

The remarks of the Chaplain seemed to take the members by surprise, some of whom were carelessly glancing over the morning papers. Nothing was said, however, and as soon as the prayer was over, the House proceeded to business.

Mr. Baxter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the duties of the chaplain do not require him to lecture the members upon their personal conduct; and that he is respectfully requested to hereafter confine himself to the discharge of his legitimate duties.

Mr. Olson gave notice of debate, and the resolution went over under the rules.

On the 18th, Mr. Wakefield introduced a bill to change the name of Calista Fosker to Calista Day.

On the 19th, Mr. Wakefield presented a petition from certain farmers of Minnesota, praying that hereafter all instruments used for grading wheat be required to be not less than one bushel in capacity. Referred to committee on Agriculture and Manufactures.

In the House, Mr. Hunter introduced a bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Jackson county to issue bonds for the purpose of building a bridge over the Pigeon river.

On the 26th, Mr. Hunter introduced a bill to legalize the town plot of the town of Jackson, Jackson county. Referred to the delegation from that com-

mittee.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolutions, which were read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations:

Resolved, By the Senate, that we hereby extend to the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, to the State officers thereof, and to the city of Milwaukee, Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association, our most hearty thanks for their successful endeavors to make our recent visit to Wisconsin the most pleasant and profitable episode of our lives.

That while all the arrangements of that visit, with its magnificence and abounding hospitality, were such as to make each one of us an individual debtor to our manifold hosts, we also recognize it as a public good, uniting our respective States in a close bond and affording additional means for the promotion of interests common to the people of Minnesota and Wisconsin; we can but consider that such visits are productive not only of individual pleasure, but that by interchange of friendly intercourse the bonds of the Federal Union are thereby strengthened.

Resolved, That to the officers of the St. Paul and Milwaukee Railroad Company we tender our gratitude, not only for the free use of their road, but also for all of those attentions which made our recent excursion a pleasure to all from the beginning to the end thereof.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of the parties therein named.

In the Senate, on the 15th, a bill appropriating \$5,000 yearly for the support of the State Normal School at Mankato, was passed 1st yeas, 18; 2nd, nays, none.

Mr. Clark, of Hennepin county, gave notice in the House that he would introduce a bill to locate the State Capital at Kandiyohi, in Kandiyohi county, and to provide for the erection of suitable capitol buildings theretofore.

On the 15th, Mr. Wakefield introduced a bill to amend section 78, title I, chapter 8, of the revised statutes.

Also to amend section 19, chapter 120, of the general statutes.

Also to fix and regulate the fees of sheriffs in certain cases.

On the 17th, Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on Railroads, reported in favor of the passage of the House bill amending the act to authorize the city of St. Paul to aid in the construction of the St. Paul and Chicago Railroad, approved March 6th, 1858.

Also, the House bill confirming the action of the City Council of St. Paul in relation to bonds issued to the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company.

Also, an act to amend an act entitled to authorize the city of Wabash to aid in the construction of the St. Paul and Chicago Railroad, approved March 6th, 1858.

Mr. Wakefield introduced a bill to legalize certain bounty certificates issued by the town of Ottawa in Le Sueur county, and the action of such authorities. Referred to Senator Wakefield.

FIFTH ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Wakefield offered a joint resolution fixing noon of Wednesday, March 1st for the time of closing the present session of the Legislature, and that no new bills be offered after Friday the 26th inst.

After brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Potter, the resolution was laid on the table—yeas 12; nays 8.

Upon the members assembling in the House, on the 17th, they were called to order as usual, and the Chaplain proceeded to perform divine service. He began by saying: "Hear ye the Word of the Lord, as it is written," and then read a chapter from the Bible. At the conclusion of the reading, and before he prayed, he addressed the members of the House in substance as follows:

"Before I proceed any further, you must allow me to say a word. We profess to be a people of God, and as such we ought to observe these religious services the same as we do similar ones at home, or in our churches. At home or at church you would not think of leaning back in your chairs and reading newspapers, or putting your feet up on the benches, or chairs. Such conduct is not proper or in accordance with the

solemnities of the occasion. I trust, therefore, that there will be a reformation here in regard to this matter, and that these words, uttered in all kindness, will be heeded. Let us pray."

The remarks of the Chaplain seemed to take the members by surprise, some of whom were carelessly glancing over the morning papers. Nothing was said, however, and as soon as the prayer was over, the House proceeded to business.

Mr. Baxter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the duties of the chaplain do not require him to lecture the members upon their personal conduct; and that he is respectfully requested to hereafter confine himself to the discharge of his legitimate duties.

Mr. Olson gave notice of debate, and the resolution went over under the rules.

Lieut. F. A. Brandt, Deputy Sheriff of Brown county, committed suicide on the 10th inst., by taking strychnine.—*Marquette Record*.

The old school house in St. Charles, occupied as a carpenter's shop, was destroyed by fire on the 12th inst. Loss \$4,174. Insurance \$2,600.—*St. Charles Herald*.

On Thursday night, Feb. 10th, some person or persons unknown, forced an entrance into the Court House, in Rochester, Minn., blew open the County Treasurer's safe, and secured \$40 or \$0, only.—*Rochester Post*.

The Mower County Transcript learns that a large amount of counterfeit greenbacks are in circulation in that vicinity.

The St. Paul Dispatch says that there seems to be a fatality about St. Paul hotels, since the most recent having burned since 1852. The most valuable of these was the Winslow, the American, and the International.

The remains of Booth, the assassin,

were removed from the arsenal, at Washington, by permission of the President, to Baltimore. His brother recognized the remains beyond a doubt, by a peculiarly plugged tooth.

One of the good results of the visit of the St. Paul delegation to Wisconsin, will be recognized in the following item:

The Wisconsin Assembly has passed a resolution prohibiting the chewing of tobacco in the Assembly Chamber.

To Whom it may Concern! The town of Elmira, adjoining Chaffield, has voted 1st to 31—\$15,000 in bonds in aid of the Southern Minnesota Railroad project.

Women talk least this month.

Blind Tom's valuation is \$100,000.

Du Chaillu is engaged to a Fifth avenue dancier.

The majority of New York ladies have laid aside hoops.

Paris has subscribed about \$8,000 for a statue to Voltaire.

Mrs. Buffon, of Chicago, wants a woman for next President.

Wisconsin is the only Western State in which dissection is legal.

Minnesota has appropriated \$10,000 for the promotion of immigration.

To raise heavy park, improve your stock by crossing with pigs of lead.

The Detroit glass works burned on Saturday evening. Loss \$20,000.

In Switzerland, one who kills another, is liable for the debts of the murdered man.

Senator Seward fell from a carriage in Washington last Sunday, and broke his leg.

A. T. Stewart has sold twenty shawls this season, worth \$3,000 each, and one worth \$4,000.

There are now at work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, 7,139 effective itinerant ministers.

One hundred and twenty applications for vehicles patents have been placed on file at Washington.

The first shipment of wheat from Chicago was seventy-eight bushels in 1848. Last year the amount shipped was 50,000,000.

Benjamin Joy, a distinguished temperance advocate, died suddenly at his residence in Penn Yan, N. Y., on the 18th inst.

Since 1799, three hundred and thirty-nine Protestant missionaries have gone out to China. Of these, eight died en route, and six were killed, and sixty died in the service.

The last Monday, President Johnson vetoed the bill advancing the duties on imported copper. Thus he mixes a little good with the steady pardoning of cut-throats.

Grosley, but how the byses wint out.

The tubar byses gathered round O'Brien, an' it's a hape av gitthin' them.

Sam'l advised him to kapin' his feet, an' tuk' em' off an' heenban' em' thriplin'.

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